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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
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13/03/2008: BU2AI is currently active as BU2AI/9 from Nangan Island and Beigan Island, Matsu Islands (AS-113), until March 20th. He operates CW and SSB in his spare time, and during his first activity (February 5-19th) he made some 1,200 QSOs. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

13/03/2008: Patrick, F6CMH will be active from St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377) between March 13-22nd. Expect activity mostly on 40 and 20m SSB. QSL via home call. [F5NQL]

13/03/2008: Yannick F6FYD/HH2FYD, will be back in Haiti (NA-096, WLOTA LH-0343) as HH2FYD from March 13-26th. Before leaving for France he will again activate Ile a Vache (NA-149) from March 21-23rd as HH2FYD/6. QSL via F6FYD, direct or bureau. [F6AJA]

14/03/2008: Frank/DL2SWW and his wife Gabi/DF9TM will be active from Ruegen Island (EU-057, O-07 for the German Islands Award) as DL2SWW/p, March 14-16th. QSL via DL2SWW, direct or bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/03/2008: Operators Axel/DH8AK, Sebastian/DO6ELW, Dirk/DK4DJ and Henning/DK9LB will be active as homecall/p from Fehmarn Island (EU-128, O-01 for the German Islands Award) from March 14-21st. They will also activate two lighthouses: Marienleuchte, Old Tower (ARLHS FED-151) and Marienleuchte, New Tower (ARLHS FED-016, WLOTA LH-0637). Activity will be on 80-10m SSB, PSK31 and 2m SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [rsgbiota.org]

14/03/2008: Frank, K3TRM will be on vacation to Lucea, Jamaica (NA-097, WLOTA LH-0214, WW Loc. FK08VK), March 14-23rd and will be active as K3TRM/6Y5 on 80-10m SSB, CW and RTTY. He has applied for 60 meter operation, so this might be the first activation of Jamaica on 60 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

15/03/2008: Rick, AI5P will be active from the South Pacific between March 15th and April 16th as follows:
AI5P/KH2 - Guam Island (OC-026, WLOTA LH-0064) from March 15-23rd.
V73PX - Kwajalein Atoll (OC-028) from March 24 to April 5th.
AI5P/KH0 - Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) from April 6-16th.
He might participate in the WPX SSB Contest from Kwajalein Atoll.
QSL for all calls via AI5P. [425 DX News]

15/03/2008: Paul, F2YT will be active as homecall/p from several Castle references (DFCF) in French Departments 1, 42, 43, 69 and 73 between March 15th and 22nd. Check for spots on DX-Summit. Activity is planned for 40 and 20 meter CW and SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F6FNA]

15/03/2008: Look for Francois/F5JNE and Gilles/F4FGJ to be active March 15th as F5JNE/p from the Castle of Mardilly, located in the City of

Savigny sur Clairis (CP 89150), Canton of Cheroy (DDCF 89-11). Activity will be on 80 and 40m, CW/SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

15/03/2008: The RC Varennois F5KEK/p will activate the Chateau des Echerolles (DFCF 03-069), located in La Ferte Harterive (CP 03340), Department Allier (DDFM 03), Province of Auvergne (DPF 03) starting in the morning of March 15th. Look for activity on 3.703MHz and 7.060MHz. QSL via F5KEK, direct or bureau. [F1SVV]

15/03/2008: Philippe, F5MSB/p will be active the morning of March 15th from French Castle reference DFCF 09-013 and French Mill reference DMF 09-003. Both references are new ones for the French Castles and French Mills Awards. Department Ariege (DDFM 09), Province of Midi-Pyrenees (DPF 15). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F6FNA]

15/03/2008: Freddy, F8CKS/p will be active March 15th from the Castle Mirabel (DFCF 24-093), located in the commune of Marnac (CP 24220), canton of St. Cyprien (DDCF 24-32), Department Finistere (DDFM 24), Province of Brittany (DPF 06). QRV 80 and 40 meters. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [F8CKS]

15/03/2008: Javier, HR2J and crew will be active as HQ8R from Swan Island (NA-035, WLOTA LH-0061, WW Loc. EK86KB), Honduras, between March 15-23rd. Operators include WQ7R/HR9 (Ray), KC4CD/HR2 (Lane), HR2DX (Antonio), HR2DMR (Daniel), HR7REA (Ramon), HR2J (Javier) and HR2PAC (Pedro). They are planning to operate two SSB stations, one CW station and one digital modes station using RTTY and PSK31 (total of four stations), with 10 operators on 160-10m and 6m (50.127 MHz). QSL via HR2RCH. [NG3K]

15/03/2008: George/EC2ADN and Kepa/EA2DCF will be active from Albania as ZA/homecalls from March 15-22nd. They will be active on 10, 20 (14.184 MHz) and 40 meters (they might also try 17m and 30m). QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [F6AJA]

16/03/2008: Andreas, DL7ZZ reports that a German team is planning a DXpedition to Nouakchott, Mauritania, between March 16-30th. The current team of operators includes DK8YY (Rich), DL2JRM (Rene), DL3JJ (Ralf), DL4JS (Ingolf), DL5SE (Dan) and DL7ZZ (Andreas). The operating QTH will be near the Atlantic Ocean, so there will be enough space for the antennas, especially for the low bands. The team is expecting their license very soon. Activity will be on 160-10m with 3 stations on the air, 2 with amplifiers. For operations on the low bands 2 verticals will be used, and on 40m they will use 2 phased verticals. For 30 - 10 meters they will use 2 yagis, and for the digital station there will be another vertical. The team will try to have an online log that will be updated daily via the internet or packet. QSL via DH7WW, direct or bureau. No eQSL! [OPDX Bulletin]

16/03/2008: Alessandro, IK4ALM will be active from Senegal as 6W/IK4ALM from March 16-27th. He plans to operate holiday style on 10m-40m with 100 watts and a vertical antenna. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

16/03/2008: 9M6XRO (John) and 9M6DXX (Steve) will operate as 9M6XRO/p (CW and RTTY) and 9M6DXX/p (SSB) from Labuan Island (OC-133) on March 16th and March 17th, with a high power station (400w) and antennas close to the ocean. The antennas are a vertical for 10 - 80m, a dipole for 17m

and an inverted L with 42ft vertical section for 80m. No antennas for 12m or 160m. QSL 9M6XRO/p via M5AAV, direct or bureau. QSL 9M6DXX/p either via M5AAV (direct or bureau) or direct to Steve Telenius-Lowe, WDT 527, 88905 Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. ISWL Members please note that John is a member, so if worked or heard, all his operations count for the Monitor award. [425 DX News & Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

16/03/2008: A multinational team of 10 operators will be active from Rwanda between March 16th and March 27th using the call sign 9X0R. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (including WARC bands) using CW, SSB and RTTY, with 3 stations at the same time in different bands and modes. Although the expedition is not focusing on the 6 meter band, Gianfranco/I0ZY will do daily checks on that band between 1800z and 2000z on 50.137 MHz. Operators mentioned are EA2RY (Roberto), EA3EXV (Gerard), EA5KM (Javi), EA5RM (Toni, team leader), EA7AJR (Manuel), EB5ESX (Ruben), EC4DX (Javi), I8NHJ (Massimo), IN3ZNR (Fabrizio) and UY7CW (Dimitri). QSL via EA5RM. [EA2RY]

16/03/2008: Anne, OH2YL will be active as TK/OH2YL from the island of Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-001 for the French Islands Award, MIA MCO-001 for the Mediterranean Islands Award, WLOTA LH-1390) from March 16-22nd. Look for activity on all HF bands, using SSB and CW. QSL via home call. [NG3K]

17/03/2008: YV5SSB (Alex), YV5TX (Jose) and possibly others will be active as YN2YV from Granada, Nicaragua, beteen March 17th and 21st. They plan to have at least two stations 160-10 metres, plus 60m and 6 meters. On 6 meters they will be using 100 watts, 3 element quad and monitoring 50.110 MHz. QSL via IT9DAA. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

17/03/2008: W6ALC (Red) will stay in China for three weeks starting on March 17th. He has been invited to operate from the B7P contest station located in Foshan, Guangdong, China (WW Loc. OL63NA). He also plans to visit the new BY7OK club station (Fo-Shan Amateur Radio Club) in Foshan. QSL via operator's instructions. [DX Newsletter]

18/03/2008: Ulli, DL2AH will be active holiday style as CE0Z/DL2AH from Isla Robinson Crusoe (DICE ICE-004, WLOTA LH-0153), Juan Fernandez Archipelago (SA-005), between March 18th and April 7th. Activity will be mainly 40-10m SSB and RTTY using a FT897 and windom antenna. QSL via DL2AH, direct or by the bureau. [NG3K]

18/03/2008: Look for JS6RRR/JS6 and JI3DST/JS6 to be active March 18-24th from Miyako-Jima (AS-079, WLOTA LH-0249). Possible activation of Ikema-jima and Kurima-jima are being planned. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

19/03/2008: Operators K8PT (Peter) and K3PLV (Craig) will be operating from the Isle of Man as MD/K8PT and MD/K3PLV, at the contest station of GD6IA located near Peel City, from March 19-21st. They will then travel to Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA LH-0818) and operate as MJ/K8PT and MJ/K3PLV from March 22-27th. QSL via their home call signs. [OPDX Bulletin]

19/03/2008: Masa, VK1ANU will be active as VK9ANU from Norfolk Island (OC-005) between March 19th and April 2nd. He will operate CW and SSB on 80-10 meters, with 100 watts into wire beams for the high bands and vertical antennas for the low bands. He will also participate in the WPX SSB Contest. QSL via JO2SLZ. [425 DX News]

20/03/2008: Jack, F6BUM will once again be active from Vietnam as 3W3M between March 20th and April 2nd. He plans to operate SSB and CW with 100 watts into a vertical antenna from the following three islands - March 20 (1000z) to March 23 (0600z) from Con Co Island (AS-185) March 25 (0800z) to March 28 (0600z) from Phu Quoc Island (AS-128) March 29 (1000z) to April 2 (0600z) from Dao Con Island (AS-130). Expect activity on 40 - 10 meters. QSL via F6BUM, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

20/03/2008: Operators I4UFH (Fabio), IZ4DPV (Massimo) and CT1DVV (Santos) will be active from the D4C Contest Station, Mindelo, Sao Vicente Island (AF-086, LH-1976) between March 20th and April 2nd, including a M/? entry in the WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). QSL via IZ4DPV. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

25/03/2008: Mike, WA2VQW reports that the W2RZS Amateur Radio Club will be active as TO5RZ from Villa Natanya, Colombier, St. Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377) between March 25th and April 1st. Activity is planned for 160-10m using CW, SSB and RTTY (including WARC bands), plus an entry in the WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th). QSL via W2RZS, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

28/03/2008: Look for Ron, VA3RVK to air special call sign VB3E from March 28th to May 27th. He will mainly use this call sign for the WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) and the WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). QSL via VA3RVK, direct or bureau. [R.A.C.]

29/03/2008: Operators IK2QEI (Stefano), IK2SGC (Mat) and CN8WW (Saaid) will be active from Morocco as 5D5A during the WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th), a Multi-Single entry. QSL via I2WIJ, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators W1FPU, N2QP and KH0TL will be active from the Saipan (OC-086) during the WPX SSB Contest as AH0BT, a Multi-Single or Multi-Two entry. QSL via 7L1FPU, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operators SV5AZP (Bill), SV5AZK (Panos), SV5DDP (Mike), SV5DKL (Steve), SV5DZR (Stelios), SV5FRB (Yota), SV5FRD (Denis), SV5KJC (Sarris) and SV5KKJ (Yannis) will use the call sign SX5P during the WPX SSB Contest, from Rhodes Island (MIA MGD-028, LH-0045), Dodecanese (EU-001), as a Multi-Multi entry. QSL via SV5FRD, direct preferred but bureau ok. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Operation by FM1II and group. For the WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) and 15 days after the call TO1C (Martinique) will be activated. QSL goes via ON4IQ. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: VP2E (Ray) and N5AU (Gordon) will be signing VP2E from the island of Anguilla (NA-022) during the WPX SSB Contest, as a Muti-Single entry. They will be testing some new antennas. QSL via N5AU, direct only. [NG3K]

29/03/2008: Adhi, YB3MM will be active as YB3MM/9 from Menjangan Island (OC-022), Indonesia, during the WPX SSB Contest, as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via IZ8CCW, direct or bureau. [F5NQL]

29/03/2008: Operators VK4TI (Trent), VK3TZ (Tony) and VK4VCC (Laurie) will be active as YJ0AX from Vanuatu, New Hebrides (OC-035) during the

WPX SSB Contest, as a Multi-Two entry. QSL route to be announced for North America and Europe. [NG3K]

12/04/2008: Special event station W0S will be aired April 12th and 13th to commemorate the 96th Anniversary of the Titanic Disaster. Operators WA0SAP (Sap), KB9YZE (Rich), W0ERE (Al), and K0ADI (Rod) who organized this special event station, along with Mary Kellogg of the world's largest Titanic museum. They will be active on HF using SSB, CW and packet (also 2m locally). QSL via operator's instructions. [F5NQL]

18/04/2008: World Ham Radio Day will be held April 18th and the French IARU Society (the REF Union) and their Associated members will participate in a lot of activities like messages, shows on the air, elmering, how to do and so on. Announced stations that will be active are: F5REF (REF Union), F8UFT (French CW Society) and F8AFH (French Ham Society for the disabled). [F5NQL]

01/05/2008: Members of the The Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association (VE7NA) will air the special call sign VE7NARA from May 1-30th to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the club. The Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association is made up of members from Courtenay to Duncan, on Vancouver Island (NA-036, CIsA BC-001, LH-0858). QSL via VE7FCO. [R.A.C.]

17/05/2008: Eddie VK4AN, his son Raj VK4FRAJ and others plan to be active from Malolo Lailai Island, Mamanuca Group (OC-121) as 3D2A from May 17-31st. Activity will be on 160-6m using CW, PSK31, RTTY and SSB. Focus will be on digital modes and the WARC bands, plus an entry in the WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th). QSL via VK4AN, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

24/05/2008: The K0S Strange Antenna Challenge takes place over the entire Memorial Day Weekend. Starting at 1000z May 24th and running to 2400z May 25th. Antennas are not permitted to be made of wire or metal pipe. Past antennas have included such items as metal folding chairs, fences, ladders, and trucks. We intend to remain in the general class portion of all bands used. In the past, we have spent most of the time on 20 or 40 meters. Non K0S stations may use any antenna they wish. [QRZ.com]

01/06/2008: Eric, SM1TDE reports that Market Reef (EU-053, ARLHS MAR-001, WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA LH-0542) will be activated by a Swedish team during the first week of June, 2008. They plan to be active on 160 - 2m using CW, SSB, RTTY and WSJT. They will also be active on the satellites. Call signs, operators as well as QSL routes will be announced soon. Stay Tuned! [NG3K]

25/07/2008: Operators SV1JG (Cliff), SV1RC (Spiros), SV1RP (George), SV1EEX (Nikiforos), SV1GRM (Theodoros), SV1HER (Sotirios) and SV1JCZ (Daniel) will be active as SX5C from Islet Strogili (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-001) and lighthouse (WLOTA LH-0237, ARLHS GRE-053) between July 25th and August 4th. QSL via the information for SX5C at QRZ.com.

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

11/03/2008: Poland is divided into 16 Provinces, 379 Districts and 2478 Municipalities. A new award programme, the PGA (Polskie Gminy Award), is issued for contacts made with stations operating from the various municipalities. Special event stations SN0PGA (QSL via SP9YJC) and SP0PGA (QSL via SP2FAP) will be active from March 11th to May 15th and

March 15th to April 15th respectively. [425 DX News]

15/03/2008: TC Special Wireless Activity Team members TA1HZ, TA2IJ and TA3FB will air special event station TC18M to commemorate the Canakkale Naval War Victory of March 18, 1915. They will be on the air from the University Campus, Canakkale, Turkey, between March 15-18th. Activity mainly on 7, 14, 21 MHz SSB and CW. There will also be some activity on 2m and 70cm locally. QSL via TA1HZ. [TC-SWAT]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html
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SIX METERS & UP -

10/03/2008: Look for Jay, W4SL to be signing VP5/W5SL from the VP5JM Hamlet, located on Providenciales Island (NA-002, WW Loc. FL31VS), Turks & Caicos Islands, between March 10th and 20th. Activity is expected on all bands, possibly including 6 meters (50.110MHz and/or 50.125 MHz) with 100 watts to a 7 element yagi at 30 feet. QSL via home call. [VP5JM Web & N8OFS]

11/03-17/03: V25OP: Antigua, Grid FK97BC, 50.110 MHz, 100w, 3 element yagi at 40 feet. QSL via W9OP, direct or bureau. [N8OFS]

11/03-17/03: V25WY: Antigua, Grid FK97BC, 50.110 MHz, 100w, 3 element yagi at 40 feet. QSL via W4OWY, direct or bureau. [N8OFS]

16/03/2008: 9X0R, Rwanda. Although the expedition is not focusing on the 6 meter band, Gianfranco, I0ZY will check 6m daily between 1800z and 2000z on 50.137 MHz. QSL EA5RM direct. [N8OFS]

17/03-21/03: YN2YV Granada, Nicaragua, Grid EK71XU, 100w, 3 element quad. QSL IT9DAA direct or bureau. [N8OFS]

01/06/2008: Eric, SM1TDE reports that Market Reef (EU-053) and lighthouse (ARLHS MAR-001, WLH OJ0-001, WLOTA LH-0542) will be activated by a Swedish team during the first week of June, 2008. They plan to be active 160m - 2m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and WSJT. They will also be active on the satellites. Call signs, operators as well as QSL routes to be announced. Stay Tuned. [NG3K]
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

13/03-22/03 FJ/F6CMH: Saint Barthelemy WLOTA:0377 QSL H/C (d/b)
13/03-31/03 HH2FYD: Haiti Island WLOTA:0343 QSL F6FYD (d/b)
13/03-18/03 TF4Y: Iceland WLOTA:2975 QSL RV3ACA (d/b)
13/03-17/03 TK/9A2SX: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL Auto bureau
13/03-17/03 TK/9A3AXX: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL Auto bureau
13/03-17/03 TK/9A6XX: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL Auto bureau
13/03-17/03 TK/9A8MM: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL Auto bureau
14/03-21/03 DH8AK/P: Marienleuchte (New) WLOTA:0637 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DK4DJ/P: Marienleuchte (New) WLOTA:0637 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DK9LB/P: Marienleuchte (New) WLOTA:0637 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DO6ELW/P: Marienleuchte (New) WLOTA:0637 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DH8AK/P: Marienleuchte (Old) ARLHS:FED-151 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DK4DJ/P: Marienleuchte (Old) ARLHS:FED-151 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DK9LB/P: Marienleuchte (Old)d ARLHS:FED-151 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-21/03 DO6ELW/P: Marienleuchte (Old) ARLHS:FED-151 QSL H/C (d/b)
14/03-23/03 K3TRM/6Y5: Jamaika Island WLOTA:0214 QSL H/C (d/b)

15/03-23/03 AI5P/KH2: Guam Island WLOTA:0064 QSL H/C (d/b)
15/03-23/03 HQ8R: Swan Island WLOTA:0061 QSL HR2RCH (QRZ.com)
16/03-22/03 TK/OH2YL: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL H/C (d/b)
18/03-24/03 JI3DST/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 QSL H/C (b)
18/03-24/03 JS6RRR/JS6: Miyako Shima WLOTA:0249 QSL H/C (b)
19/03-21/03 MD/K3PLV: Man Island WLOTA:0449 QSL H/C (d/b)
19/03-21/03 MD/K8PT: Man Island WLOTA:0449 QSL H/C (d/b)
20/03-02/04 D4C: Ilha de Sao Vicente WLOTA:1976 QSL IZ4DPV (d/b)
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TL8DV - Central African Republic - Postponed.
Those of you waiting for TL8DV to be active in April and May now have a chance to develop your quality of patience. We just found out yesterday that our originally planned April - May 2008 trip to the Central African Republic has been scratched. It is a long story and one I can't go into on e-mail or web sites, but the bottom line is we will not be there. I will discuss some of the details when I make my TL8DV presentation this weekend in Lafayette. It appears as though this is a long term postponement, not a cancellation. As plans develop for our future trip to TL8, I will of course let you know. Jean and I are disappointed in this turn of events but there is nothing we can do about it. More to follow - W1DV [NG3K]

The following operation has been approved for DXCC credit:
ZL1GO/8 - Kermadec Island
2007 Operation

QSL 8Q7AK - Andrew, G7COD reports "8Q7AK has been approved for DXCC. All direct QSL cards received have been mailed and all eQSLs have been responded to. If you have not received your direct QSL card by now, that is because I have not received yours. Therefore please send again. I will post out bureau cards immediately, as and when I receive the cards through the bureau." [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

QSL UK8OM and UK8OWW - Mike asks everybody not to send any green stamps with your direct mail! Please send only IRCs. [DX Newsletter]

QSL via A92GR - Mohamed, A92GR is the manager for the following calls: A92GR his personal call sign; A92C Club station; A92BND Bahrain National Day special event; A92WHD World Health Day special event. His address is ok on QRZ.com and requests SAE+$2 - No IRC. [K1XN & GoList]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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